

Air Freight from China to Sfax

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China → Sfax · via TUN air / Sfax sea · clearance by Douane Tunisienne



Cargo handling on the China-Sfax lane.

Freight from China into Sfax clears through TUN air / Sfax sea. Sfax is the second city and industrial port, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

The clearing authority is Douane Tunisienne. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 5–12 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

Duty, tax and clearance into Sfax

Imports into Tunisia are cleared by Douane Tunisienne. The headline position is: VAT 19%; duty 0–36%, plus consumption tax on selected goods. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Tunisia: Offshore versus onshore company status changes duty treatment entirely. Foreign-exchange authorisation can delay settlement. Technical control applies to electrical and consumer goods.

What the routing looks like in practice

Radès handles most container volume, generally with Asian cargo transshipped through Malta, Gioia Tauro or Marsaxlokk. Tunisia's offshore manufacturing regime, used heavily by textile and automotive suppliers, gives duty relief on inputs that are re-exported — confirm which regime the consignee is operating under before quoting.

Air gateways used	TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-7 business days
Gateway serving Sfax	TUN air / Sfax sea
Inland leg to Sfax	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the TUN air / Sfax sea routing serving Sfax.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Tunisia duty rate against it yourself.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Sfax take?

China to the Tunisia gateway is 4–7 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Douane Tunisienne and a same-day inland leg to Sfax.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Sfax?

Douane Tunisienne applies: VAT 19%; duty 0–36%, plus consumption tax on selected goods. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Sfax.

Which port or airport does cargo for Sfax clear through?

Cargo for Sfax is routed via TUN air / Sfax sea. Sea gateways for Tunisia are Radès, Sfax, Bizerte; air gateways are TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Sfax?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

What documents does Douane Tunisienne require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Sfax?

Yes. Delivery to a Sfax address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Douane Tunisienne, and the same-day inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfillment center or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

Other delivery cities in Tunisia

- [China to Tunis](#)
- [China to Sousse](#)
- [China to Bizerte](#)
- [China to Kairouan](#)
- [China to Gabes](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Tunisia change by ministerial decision, sometimes mid-year. The figures on this page are buyer-planning references, not a customs ruling — confirm the current position for your own HS code with Douane Tunisienne or your broker before you ship.

- [Douane Tunisienne](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965-970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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Shipping by industry

This page covers the route and clearance picture for the destination. Packing, classification and the compliance step that actually holds a shipment depend on what you are sending — these guides cover that by commodity.

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Checking the Tunisia duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Douane Tunisienne against your declared HS code at the time of entry; where the amount is material, verify the current rate through [ITC Market Access Map](#) before committing to an order.

Most landed-cost surprises trace back to classification rather than freight. [the WCO Harmonized System](#) defines the heading structure every customs administration builds on, and [ITC Market Access Map](#) will show you the duty a given heading attracts in this destination.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Sfax. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

4 Key Stages to US Customs Clearance — USA Customs Clearance. Published on YouTube by a third party; we link it because it explains the process well, not because we produced it or endorse the provider.

Get a rate for Sfax

This lane is quoted per shipment rather than from a published rate card, because the landed cost depends on the commodity, its density, the conformity requirements above and the delivery point. Send the cargo details and we will come back with a full DDP figure.

[Request a quote →](#)

Freight Rates to Tunisia

⚖ Cargo Weight (KG)

□ Enter the actual gross weight of your shipment in kilograms. If you're unsure, fill in the volume fields below and we'll calculate it for you.

□ Or enter volume (cm) — volumetric weight ÷ 6000

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Non-integers rounded up. Larger of actual vs volumetric is used.

☐ Number of Boxes

Total chargeable weight = weight per box × number of boxes.

⚠ When you have not filled in the volume information, our prices may be inaccurate.

Sfax Air Freight, Tunisia: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Sfax: 4–7 business days in transit, cleared by Douane Tunisienne, same day to the door. What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

Send the cargo details and we respond within one business day with a full DDP figure for Sfax.

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Customs clearance in Tunisia

Duty and tax position, certification, typical port dwell and what actually holds shipments at this border — plus who files the entry.

[Tunisia clearance requirements →](#)